

## R E M A R K S

In the above-identified Office Action the claims were rejected as being obvious in view of a hypothetical combination of the disclosures of the cited Kido reference and the Edamura patent. By this response, however the independent claims have been amended in a manner which is believed to render them allowable over the cited references.

### Applicant's Claims

In the amended claims a both-side transmission of image data read from both sides of an original is to be executed, and a partner side is notified of such transmission. Particularly, the apparatus transmits all of the image data read from both sides of the original, according to a both-side transmitting mode, if discriminating means determines that there exists at least one sheet of an original in which effective image data is included on both sides. That is, when at least one sheet of an original in which effective image data is included on both sides exists, all of the image data read from the both sides of the original are transmitted, according to a both-side transmitting mode, even if no effective image data is included on both sides of another original sheet.

Moreover, as now required by the amended claims, all of the image data read from the both sides of the original are stored in a storing means, and when at least one sheet of the original in which effective image data is included on the both sides exists, all of the image data stored in the storing means are transmitted, according to the both-side transmitting mode.

In the cited Kido facsimile device, while both sides of an original may be read, image data from a blank page is not stored. Accordingly, in the Kido device, in a

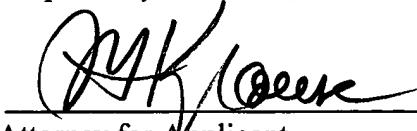
both-side transmission mode, if an original of which at least one sheet has effective image data on both sides, and of which another sheet has effective image data on only one side, a structure for generating a blank page is required. In contrast, in the present invention, since all of the images are stored, including those for a blank page, it is not required to prepare a structure for generating such a blank page.

Referring now to the method of Edamura patent, a user has to instruct a both-side transmission mode. Therefore, there is no disclosure of the feature of the present invention that the both-side transmission mode is selected automatically and a memory for storing all of the images as read is provided.

For these various reasons it is believed that all of Applicant's claims, as now amended, are allowable over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,



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